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The Latest Important Happenings in North Carolina, the United States and Foreign Countries Reported for Review Readers

GERMAN INVASION OF BELGIL'M FEARED

ENGLAND IS FULLY PREPARED FOR WAR IF DRAWN INTO EMBROGLIO.

THE GERMANS SEEK PEACE

German Embassy is Exerting Every Effort to Induce the British to Hold Aloof-Price of Neutrality

London.-Great Britain has mobilized her forces and awaits events. She is not a belligerent power nor is she a neutral one.

The government has given France assurance that the British fleet will not permit the German fleet to attack the French coast. It has not yet pledged itself to contribute an army to the Continental war.

The British government regards with the deepest distrust Germany's violation of Belgium's neutrality, but makes no declaration as to where it considers that measure provocation

This pronouncement of government policy—the result of two days of almost continuous deliberations-was made to the house of commons late today by Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs. Therefore the trying hour of suspense for the British people is prolonged indefinitely.

Meanwhile the German embassy in London is exerting every effort of diplomacy to induce Great Britain to hold aloof from the conflict and to bring public opinion to Germany's side. The counselor of the German embassy issued a strong appeal for the neutrality of Great Britain asserting that Germany would agree to keep her fleet from attacking the northern and western coasts of France, if England would pledge neutrality; and argued that England would gain more in the end by standing outside the European war and using her influence as mediator when the moment was ripe. Referring to this suggestion the British foreign secretary said:

"I had only heard that shortly before I came to the house." He raised his voice and rapped the table before sharply declaring: "But that is far too narrow an engagement."

Sir Edward Grey dispelled the shadows of doubt which flickered over the Triple Entente in the midst of many Liberals by exposing some milestones in the history of the reapprochement, revealing it as essentially a national one with France, without defining obligations.

CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION.

Financial Outlook Better; Prompt Action Brings Results.

New York.—The financial position of this country to all appearances was appreciably better than 24 hours ago. Prompt relief measures composed a situation which for a time threatened to become omninous and bankers who last night admitted the outlook was troubled, expressed confidence that the energetic steps taken would meet all needs.

The same opinion was expressed by John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, who spent the day at the subtreasury.

Mr. Williams said all was serene. "The finances of the country," he

added, "are in excellent shape. We have the situation well in hand. All the currency that is necessary is in circulation at this time."

There probably never was another day in the history of the country on which such a variety of comprehensive measures was put into force. Banks of large cities throughout the country decided to issue clearing house certificates to furnish additional medium of circulation in settlement of transactions among banks. Many millions of dollars of Aldrich-Vreeland emergency currency were shipped to financial centers. The recent enormous outflow of gold to Europe was believed to have been stopped effectually.

B. & O. Refuses Export Shipments. Baltimore.—The Baltimore & Ohio railroad issued an embargo notice to its connecting lines and other traffic affiliatons stating that until further notice it will refuse shipments for export through Baltimore and other Atlantic ports.

Fort Halifax Manned.

Halifax.-The First Canadian Artillery, Sixty-third Halifax Rifles and the Sixty-sixth Princess Louise Fusiliers of the Canadian militia were detailed to assist in manning the fortress here. MAP OF AUSTRIA-SERVIA FRONTIER.



AUSTRIA HAS DECLARED WAR

Plunges Europe Into Gloom, All Ears Listening For Word From Russia Meaning Peace or Conflict

GERMANY MENACED BY CZAR

London. - The Austro-Hungarian Government declared war against the headline with which The Times Servia by a manifesto, which is one sums up the situation, in which there of the briefest of momentous docu- seems to be but one gleam of hope ments in history.

Germany paved the way for this the greatest catastrophe in history. declaration by announcing her rejection of the British scheme to bring war at a moment's notice, and the four Powers together in conference British army is preparing quietly and for mediation. Germany explained swiftly. The War Office throws cold to the public her ally could not be and has issued another carefully framof the Balkan states.

This announcement preceded the declaration of war by only two hours, to place the land forces on a war footand gave an exhibition of the per- ing, except the summoning of the terfectly harmonious working of the ritorials to arms, has been taken. All partnership between the two pations the territorial officers received orders which stood firmly toegther through to be prepared for a call to duty. the Bosnian crisis of 1909.

Telegraph Company says:

the Danube gunboats Belgrade was occupied by the Austrian troops." sharply to St. Petersburg, which holds the decision whether a European war which probably would shift the balance of power, if not rearrange the entire map of Europe, is to break out. Negotiations are afoot there between the Russian Foreign Minister, Sergius Sazonoff, and the Austrian Ambassador which are' designed to "localize" the conflict.

The nature and progress of these conservations are wrapped in the thickest mystery.

Austria Rushes Troops to Frontier.

Austria has commandeered the railway and telegraph lines and is rushing seasoned and heavily armed troops to the Servian frontier. Two Servian ships on the Danube were captured and the Austrian flag was

Servian and Montenegrin troops are concentrating on the frontier in Bosnia.

Russia is reported occupying a frontier, and the German fleet has been ordered to concentrate in home

. War Summary.

The Montenegrin and Servian in Novibazar, on the Austrian fron

The New York Stock' Exchange stood without panic the brunt of hea vy offerings of stocks from abroad. About \$25,000,000 more of United States gold will go'to Europe.

BRITISH NAVY. READY TO STRIKE

ON THE SERBS First Fleet Held for Attack in Occupants of 45 Yellowstone

Coast Guarded-Searchlight Stations Fully Manned-Ships Are Closely Watched-Activity in British Posessions, Throughout World.

London .- "On the Brink of War" is that Europe will be preserved from

The British navy is prepared for being taken.

A large section of the engineers' "After a heavy tombardment by clans, mine layers, bridge builders neers of the regular army, all of whom have been withdrawn from that place for duty in connection with the land defenses, particularly on the eastern coast.

The forces at Aldershot have been reinforced by numerous detachments from other points, and a battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's regiment, which was about to embark for Hongkong, has been detained.

The searchlight stations on the eastern coast, whose office is to guard against a surprise invasion, and which here believe that mobilization has port the lights all along the coast Superintendent of the Park. already been effected and that a thor- as being in operation all night, playoughly planned campaign is well ing their shafts on every incoming and every outgoing vessel.

None but the Admiralty, which is in constant touch through wireless of the First fleet, which left Portland, but it is a safe presumption the fleet is in a position close to the Channel, where it can strike the North Sea in the event of hostilities.

OUTLOOK PLEASES PRESIDENT

Describes Mexican Situation as "Entirely Encouraging."

ican situation generally, President physical injury. The robbers had Wilson described the outlook for cut the wires to the Yellowstone peace as "entirely encouraging." Ad- Park Hotel before starting the hold-Washington Government show a trend alarm could be given. troops are said to be concentrating toward the restoration of tranquillity broughout the republic. The Zapata 'action is now working in harmony vith the Conscitutionalists and an agreement has been made by which the support of the southern revolutionary force is promised to the new Constitutionalist Government.

165 TOURISTS ARE HELD UP

Stagecoaches Robbed

RUSH ARMY MOBILIZATION WORK OF TWO LONE BANDITS

Passengers Forced at Rifle Point to

Throw Money Into Sack-Make for Jackson Hole Country, Rendezvous of Road Agents. Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyo .- The

boidest hold-up in the history of the West took place when two masked bandits held up forty-five stage coaches in Yellowstone Park and robbed the passengers of more than \$4,000. The robbers refrained from taking

any jewels. They made their escape. The hold-up occurred about 10 o'clock near Shoshone Point, between Old Faithful Inn and Thumb Lunch expected to submit her acts to a ed official notice to the newspapers Station. The 165 tourists were trav-European council as if she were one that only "the usual precautions" are eling through the park on forty-five stage coaches owned by the Yellow-Nevertheless, every step necessary stone Park Transportation Company, the Yellowstone Western Stage Company, The Wylie Camping Company, Company.

As each of the forty-five coaches reached the point of the hold-up, a lone highwayman, about 5 feet 8 in-A Vienna dispatch to the Exchange staff of the territorials has been or- ches in height and armed with a Windered on duty. It consists of electri- chester rifle, compelled the passengers to descend from the vehicle and and searchlight and lighthouse ex- deposit their money in a sack which perts. Some of these forces are being the robbers had prepared for the pur-The centre of interest has shifted sent to Ireland to replace the engi- pose. The chief highwayman politely informed the astonished passengers that he required "cash only."

The second highwayman had taken up a position a short distance down the trail, preventing the coaches from retreating to Old Faithful Inn to give the alarm.

Driver Frazier of the Yellowstone Western Stage Company, with Lieut. R. B. Paddock and a party in a coach somewhat behind the forty-five others, on coming to the top of Shoshone Point, saw in the road below all the stages lined up and being Reports of small encounters along usually are manned by skeleton robbed. Frazier turned and made a the frontier have been permitted to staffs, are manned fully, largely by lively retreat to Old Faithful, where pass the censor, but military experts territorials. Coastwise steamships re- he reported the hold-up to Col. Brett,

> One man in the party reported to have had \$1,000 discreetly dropped a fifty-cent piece in the extended sack and got away in safety with the rest of his money.

Some of the passengers who had cameras and who had somewhat regained their nerve asked for leave to take pictures of the hold-up. The bandits agreed and several passengers took photographs.

After an hour's delay the bandits consented to the coaches proceeding, and Thumb Lunch Station was reached about an hour later, none of the Washington.—Referring to the Mex- 165 passengers haiving suffered any

The point at which the hold-up occurred is the wildest in Yellowstone Park, thickly timbered on both sides of the road with lodge pole Canyon, in the Jackson Hole country. broke \$7.50 to \$8 a bale.

'SWORD FORCED INTO OUR HANDS," SAYS KAISER

Germany in State of War; British Warships off for North Sea; Russia Calls Out Reservists; New York Stock Exchange Closes

BATTLES RAGE ALONG THE **AUSTRO-SERVIAN BOUNDRY**

Berlin.-Five thousand persons assembled in front of the Palace and cheered the Emporer and the empire. During the demonstration Emperor William appeared in a window and desired. addressed his subjects as follows:

"A fateful hour has fallen for Germany. Envious peoples everywhere are compelling us to our just defence. The sword has been forced into our hands."

eral European war was made when Friends and relatives of Americans Russian troops blew up the railroad abroad can deposit any sum with the bridge on the Warsaw-Vienna line be- state department here and an Emtween Granica, Russian Poland and bassy check for the amount will be Sxcakova, Galicia.

A despatch from Nish, the headquarters of the Servian Government, to the Secolo, says the battle at Losnitza, near the Bosnian frontier, between the Austrians and Servians, was the most important that has yet taken place. A few hundred Servians held several thousand Austrians in check for more than five hours and retired at nightfall after having severely harassed the enemy.

The Austrians did not advance. They evidently were afraid of a trap. Referring to the attack on Semendria, the correspondent expresses the opinion that it is the purpose of the Austrian force there to reach Nish at the earliest possible moment, but thinks it will take a week to overcome Servian resistance at the well defended positions at Palanka, Jagodina and Portotiu.

Kaiser Wilhelm issued a decree proclaiming martial law throughout Germany, save in Bavaria.

The proclamation practically paralyzes transmission of news, telegraphic, postal and railroad 'service so far as the public is concerned.

The railroad station and the tracks at Koenigsberg, Germany, are lined with soldiers, who will not permit any one to approach the railroad nearer than 100 yards.

The Kaiser's decree forbids the passage of uncensored news concerning the movement of German troops and of war material. It announces military movements on the frontiers and the armed protection of the rail-

The Czar has openly defied Germany and continues to rush troops toward the Austrian border.

Premier Asquith, in announcing the Russian mobilization, told the House of Commons he would answer no questions. Meanwhile the British Government is preparing for any emergency.

In Vienna the tension is great; no extra editions of the newspapers are anowed and no reference to the seizure of Belgrade is permitted.

An alleged Russian spy was arrested by the Germans at Allenstein. Jean Jaures, the French Socialist leader and active anti-war agitator, was killed in Paris by a war-crazed youth. The man who shot him is Raoul Vilain, 29 years old, a student at the Archaeological School. He is the son of a clerk in the civil court at Reims. His mother has been a lunatic for twenty years and he himself is known as a crank.

British warships left Plymouth ostensibly for the North Sea. They had all the coal they could carry in their bunkers and more was stacked on their decks. The battleship Goliath presented a queer appearance with coal stacked on her deck so that the fore turret was hidden The wives and children of the troops have re moved from the Plymouth fortifica tions.

Stock Exchanges Close. New York .- On the news of the de claration of martial law in Germany which was taken to presage a genera! European war, all stock markets in

the world were closed. The governors of the New York Stock Exchange ordered the instituvices from every quarter to the up, and some time elapsed before an ening hour after a conference of bankers in J. P. Morgan's office decided that to keep the Exchange open as the only market in the world was unsafe.

The managers of the New York Cotton Exchange closed that institution pines. It is impossible to see any for the first time in its history an distance. The bandits went into the hour and a quarter after the opening. timber and headed for Black Horse Panic set in at the opening and prices

\$250,000 TO AID

THIS MUCH APPROPRIATED FOR STRANDED AMERICANS, MORE IF NEEDED.

NO TROUBLE TO GET HOME

Bryan Thinks There Are Enough Neutral Ships to Bring Away the Thousands of Visitors.

Washington.-Plans were completed for the care of Americans in Europe. Congress, at the request of President Wilson, appropriated \$250,-000 to care for the immediate needs of Americans, especially those without funds. More will be granted if

Americans who have letters of credit or other forms of money credit will be assisted by American Embassies in having them cashed. Instructions were issued to American diplomatic officers to issue "ambassadors' orders" in exchange for letters of cred-London.—The first move in a gen- it, bank checks or money orders.

issued in Europe. To make permanent arrangements for the financial accommodation of American citizens in Europe, Secretaries Bryan and McAdoo have arranged with New York banking houses to co-operate with American Embassies abroad. The plan was discussed at conferences between Secretary Bryan, Secretary McAdoo and representatives of New York banking houses.

No definite arrangements have been made about ships. Army and Navy officers say their transports are inadequate and many are not available. Secretary Bryan will discuss the subject with a representative of the International Merchants Marine.

The Secretary believes there are enough American and other neutral ships in service to take away thousands who desire to leave. The department made this announcement:

"The secretary of state has received a telegram from the American Ambassador at Paris in which he states that he thinks there is no cause for alarm on the part of those who remain in that city for the present and that he believes Americans will be able to leave at some later date if any desire to do so."

Orders restricting the amount of money orders issued to European points will be issued probably by the Postoffice Department, according to Postmaster General Burleson.

HOW TO RAISE MORE REVENUE.

Hope It Will Not Be Necessary to Pass New Import Duties.

Washington. - Administration officials are hopeful that congress need not be asked to pass new import duties on internal taxes to offset the falling off in customs expected from the European war. It was pointed out that the treasury is in excellent condition and could run probably two months on the funds it now has with-

out collecting another cent. If a contingency arises, the government might augment its revenue in several ways. One would be through an issue of Panama Canal bonds, of which about \$240,000,000 remain authorized but unissued. To increase internal revenue the administration might extend the income tax to smaller incomes than are touched at present and possibly increase the normal and sub-tax rates.

Another expedient would be to ask Congress to pass a revenue measure such as provided funds for the Spanish-American war through a stamp tax on commercial and other transactions and an increased tax on beer and liquor.

Marketing Cotton Crop.

Columbia, S. C .- A special meeting of the Southern Cotton Congress at Washington, August 13 and 14 was called by E. J. Watson, president, to formulate plans for marketing the fail cotton crop.

To Protect Price of Staple.

Augusta, Ga.-Hervie Jordan of this city, president of the Southern Cotton Association, telegraphed representatives of the association throughout the states in cotton belt, suggesting the necessity for a mass-meeting of farmers, merchants, bankers, manufacturers and all other allied interests of the cotton trade, to be held in New Orleans early in September. The purpose of the conference would be to formulate and adopt such measures as might be considered necessary to protect the price of cotton.